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Command Operations Report

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1. Command Data (Boxes will expand as information is typed)

Name of your Command or Organization: Carrier Air Wing NINE

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: 09738

Name and Rank of Commander/Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge:

Last: Baker **First:** Stuart M.I.: P. **Rank:** CAPT

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): 2013-07-12

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: Carrier Air Wing NINE (CVW-9) is tasked to coordinate offensive and defensive air operations, attacking air, surface and subsurface targets afloat and ashore, and to support other forces by performing the following tasks within the capabilities of the aircraft assigned: Conduct all-weather offensive air-to-surface attacks. Intercept and destroy enemy aircraft and missiles in all weather conditions to establish and

maintain local air superiority. Detect, localize, and destroy enemy ships and submarines in all weather conditions to establish and maintain local sea control. Provide aerial photographic, sighting, and electronic intelligence for naval and joint operations. Provide airborne early warning service to fleet forces and shore warning nets under all weather conditions. Provide airborne electronic countermeasures. Conduct in-flight refueling operations to extend range and endurance of air wing aircraft. Perform all-weather mining operations. Conduct search and rescue operations

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): NAS Lemoore, CA

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: Commander, Carrier Strike Group THREE

Administrative: Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Identify your assigned Task Force/Group/Unit name(s) and mission(s). Include OPLAN(s) and or named operations you participated in during Task Force assignment (if applicable):
Not Applicable

Name(s) of Forces, Commands, Ships, Squadrons or Units assigned or under your operational control (if applicable):

VFA-14
VFA-25
VFA-41
VFA-97
VFA-151
VAQ-133
VAW-112
VRC-30
HSC-8
HSC-14
HSM-71

Type and number of Aircraft Assigned and Tail Codes, if applicable:
Not Applicable for UIC 09738

Commands, Detachments or Units deployed on board or stationed aboard as tenant activities (as applicable):

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 21; Enlisted: 21; Civilian: 0

Command Point of Contact (required entry, complete in full):

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2. Commander's Assessment

As one of the most capable Air Wings in the United States Navy, the Officers and Sailors of Carrier Air Wing NINE are honored to continue the tradition of excellence. CVW-9's aircrew have continued to display high levels of combat mission effectiveness throughout the training cycle in 2014.

3. Chronology

- Jan 17-31: CVW-9 participated in a Green Flag exercise at Nellis AFB, sharpening their Close Air Support skills in a joint operations environment and building and maintaining relationships with the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, and U.S. Marine Corps forces.
- Mar: VFA-14 won the Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Battle Efficiency Award for 2013. The Battle "E" is one of the most coveted awards in Naval Aviation based on the overall performance of the Command. Evaluation categories include operational achievement, training, inspection results, material and personnel readiness, aviation safety, and tactical progression.
- Mar 15-29: Two CVW-9 squadrons participated in a two-week detachment to Tyndall Air Force Base. The training was in support of the Navy Weapon System Evaluation Program (NWSEP). As the Navy element attached to the Air Force's 83rd Fighter Weapons Squadron, NWSEP allows fleet squadrons to employ live air-to-air missiles from fleet aircraft against various targets to verify weapon system performance, reliability, capability, and determine any deficiencies within the system. In addition, CVW-9 pilots practiced air-to-air gunnery on towed banners and executed daily joint large force missions integrating FA-18E/F with F-22, F-35, F-21 Kfir, Hawker Hunter, and A-10 aircraft.
- May: VFA-192 completed a transition from the F/A-18C to the F/A-18E. Upon transition the squadron changed ISICs (CVW-9 to CVW-2), and was replaced by VFA-151.
- May 5-6: CVW-9 took to the sea in support of the Deck Certification for USS NIMITZ (CVN-68). CVW-9 pilots refreshed the valuable skills required to operate aboard an

- aircraft carrier, successfully completing day and night carrier qualification. CVW-9 pilots logged over 150 successful mishap free landings both day and night.
- Aug: HSC-8 was replaced by HSC-14.
- July 18-Aug 1: CVW-9 squadrons participated in multiple Large Force Exercises (LFEs) while on detachment in Fallon, NV. These LFE's greatly increased the mission effectiveness of the Air Wing while qualifying Strike Leads within the squadrons.
- Aug 28-29: CVW-9 spearheaded a 24 hour Endurance Air Defense Exercise (ADEX) with Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN (CVW-11), Air Test and Evaluation Squadron THREE ZERO, and the USS MOBILE BAY (CG-53). The mission required CVW-9 to provide sanctuary over CG-53 for 24 hours, simulating a United States naval vessel being disabled near a threat nation. CVW-9 fighters were overhead the ship for the duration of the exercise. CVW-9 squadrons excelled during this arduous test of endurance and tactics and provided a pivotal role in the overall success of the operation.
- Sept 10-12: CVW-9 continued to hone its carrier landing skills in September aboard USS NIMITZ (CVN-68). During the two days of carrier qualifications, CVW-9 logged 479 mishap free day and night landings. The landings aboard the USS NIMITZ provided invaluable training for pilots and Landing Signal Officers (LSOs).
- Oct 26-23 Nov: CVW-9 traveled to Key West, FL for Air-to-Air Strike Fighter Advance Readiness Program (SFARP) training with the support of Strike Fighter Squadron TWO ZERO FOUR (VFA-204), Fighter Squadron Composite TWELVE (VFC-12) and Fighter Squadron Composite ONE ELEVEN (VFC-111). SFARP Key West utilized a building block learning structure, culminating in 4 versus 10+ Air-to-Air engagements.
- Dec 5-14: After USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) left dry dock, CVW-9 played a crucial role participating in the ship's Flight Deck Certification. The air wing helped certify the Precision Approach Landing System (PALS), catapults, Carrier Air Traffic Control Center (CATCC) as well as be available for the flight deck crew to gain their certification to taxi, launch and recover aircraft. CVW-9 safely logged 411 day and night traps during the week long underway.

4. Supporting Reports (Refer to specific guide for Ship/Shore/Aviation or Fleet Command)

Not Applicable

5. Published Documents

CVW-9 Continues Tactical Training, LT (b) (6) NAS Lemoore Newspaper, Spring 2014.

CVW-9 Hones It's Tactical Edge, LT (b) (6) NAS Lemoore Newspaper, Summer 2014.

Raising the Bar, LT (b) (6) NAS Lemoore Newspaper, Aug 2014.

CVW-9 Shotgun Sharpens It's Sword, LT (b) (6) NAS Lemoore Newspaper, 12 Nov 2014.

ADEX, LT (b) (6) NAS Lemoore Newspaper, Sept 2014.

6. Photographs

1. Commander, Carrier Air Wing NINE, CAPT Stuart P. Baker
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